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In re Application of
Jeffrey Conklin, et al.
Application No.: 09/192,735
Filed: November 16, 1998
For: SYSTEM FOR ITERATIVE,
MULTIVARIATE NEGOTIATIONS
OVER A NETWORK

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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL
Group 2700

This is a decision on the petition to treat the above-identified application as special and advance the examination thereof, filed June 8, 1999, which is treated as a petition to make the above-identified application special under M.P.E.P. § 708.02(VIII).

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII, must be accompanied by (a) the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I), (b) a statement that all claims are directed to a single invention or an offer to make an oral election without traverse should the Patent and Trademark Office hold that the claims are not directed to a single invention, (c) a statement that a pre-examination search has been made by the inventor, attorney, agent, professional searcher, etc., and a listing of the field of search by class and subclass, (d) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims, and (e) a detailed description of the submitted references and discussions pointing out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over these references.

The petition lacks requirement (c). Petitioner has not made a statement that all claims are directed to a single invention or an offer to make an oral election without traverse should the Patent Office find that the claims are not directed to a single invention. Additionally, petitioner states a search was made and that an Information Disclosure Statement was submitted, however, the petitioner does not provide a listing of the field of search by class and subclass. Further, there is no detailed description of the submitted references and discussions pointing out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over these references.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**.

Should applicant desire reconsideration, he or she should supplement this petition by including the information as outlined above. No further petition fee is required.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this decision.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center's Central Files and will await action in its regular turn.

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